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DR. WEIZMANN, WORLD ZIONIST LEADER,

ASKS JEWS DEMAND COMMONWEALTH AND ARMY

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Message from Head of World Zionist Organization to Joint
Hadassah and Zionist Organization of America Conventions
Here Asks "Full Recognition" of Contribution
of Jews to Allied Struggle

A ringing challenge to the democracies, the United States included, to accept and help further "the demand" of the Jewish people "to rebuild Palestine as their commonwealth, free and unhampered," limited only by their "creative capacities in comity with the free nations of the world, and in friendship and loyal cooperation with all neighbors," was enunciated in a message from Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the World Zionist Organization, read here tonight (Fri. Oct.16) before a joint Sabbath dinner at Manhattan Center attended by delegates of the two largest Zionist groups in the country -- The Zionist Organization of America, and Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

Dr. Weizmann, who is now in the country, is recovering from a recent illness and was unable to attend in person. His message was read by Mrs. David de Sola Pool, national president of Hadassah, who presided. Other speakers at the dinner were Bishop Francis John McConnell, of the Methodist Church, this city; and Dr. James G. Heller, of Cincinnati, Ohio, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis.

Forthright and outspoken in his formulation of a recommended program of

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SUR LE SIONISME

Si l'on entend par « sionisme » la constitution de colonies ou de foyers juifs en Palestine, l'intervention de la Conférence de la Paix est inutile. Il existe déjà des colonies juives en Palestine, dues à la libéralité de M. Edmond de Rothschild. Pleine et entière liberté doit être donnée à d'autres colonies juives en formation, comme aussi à des colonies catholiques, protestantes, grecques, arméniennes, de s'établir en Palestine, en s'y conformant aux lois du pays.

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Mais si l'on entend par SIONISME, la *constitution d'un* ETAT JUIF *en Palestine, je dis nettement, résolument :* NON.

Même au temps où les Juifs russes ou les Juifs roumains étaient arbitrairement et injustement privés de leurs droits de sujets, ou de citoyens russes ou roumains, l'idée d'un Etat Juif en Palestine était une conception fausse. Il pouvait être légitime de chercher à faire une patrie à des millions de malheureux à qui l'intolérance refusait une patrie dans leurs terres natales. Cependant les Juifs persécutés en Russie ou en Roumanie n'avaient pas plus de droits alors qu'aujourd'hui sur la Palestine.

Les nouvelles lois de la Russie et de la Roumanie assurent aux Juifs de Russie et de Roumanie, les mêmes droits — et les mêmes devoirs — qu'aux chrétiens et aux musulmans. Ces Juifs ont donc une patrie. Il conviendrait d'ailleurs que la Société des Nations, par un article spécial de ses statuts, ne s'ouvrît qu'aux nations qui reconnaissent et pratiquent l'entière égalité de toutes les religions et de toutes les philosophies.

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Je répète, l'ayant écrit déjà bien des fois, que le SIONISME, ETAT JUIF EN PALESTINE *est une* SOTTISE :

1° *La seule idée d'un Etat ayant pour base la* RELIGION *est contraire à tous les principes du monde moderne. Elle eût été déjà traitée d'absurde dans l'antiquité ;*

2° *Il y a eu une* NATION *juive au temps du royaume d'Israël. Il n'y a plus de* NATION *juive depuis vingt siècles.*

3° *De ce qu'il a existé, dans des temps très anciens, un royaume d'Israël à Jérusalem, il n'en résulte pas pour les Juifs un droit spécial sur Jérusalem. Vingt peuples divers ont occupé la Palestine, Assyriens, Perses, Egyptiens, Grecs, Romains, Byzantins, Arabes, Mogols, Turcs... Il y a eu un royaume latin ou français à Jérusalem. Le christianisme est né en Palestine ; Jérusalem est une des trois villes saintes de l'Islam. Les Juifs ne peuvent même pas invoquer « la loi du premier occupant ». Ils ont conquis Jérusalem sur les Jébuséens. Il existe peut-être encore des descendants des Jébuséens. Les Juifs n'étaient qu'une des nombreuses tribus arabes ou sémites qui s'étaient établies dans l'Asie occidentale ;*

4° *Les Juifs de descendance palestinienne constituent* UNE INFIME MINORITÉ. *Les Juifs ont été d'aussi zélés convertisseurs que les chrétiens et les musulmans. Avant l'ère chrétienne, les Juifs avaient converti à la religion monothéiste de Moïse, d'autres Sémites (ou Arabes), des Grecs, des Egyptiens, des Romains, en grand nombre. Le prosélytisme juif ne s'exerça pas avec une moindre activité par la suite, en Asie, dans tout le Nord de l'Afrique, en Italie, en Espagne, en Gaule. Les Romains et les Gaulois convertis dominaient, sans doute, dans les communautés juives dont il est question dans les chroniques de Grégoire de Tours. Il y avait beaucoup d'Ibères convertis parmi les Juifs que Ferdinand le Catholique expulsa d'Espagne et qui se répandirent en Italie, en France, en Orient, à Salonique, à Smyrne. L'IMMENSE MAJORITÉ des Juifs russes, polonais, galiciens, descend des* KHAZARS, *peuplade tartare du Midi de la Russie qui se convertit en masse au judaïsme*

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TEN HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL FACTS ON PALESTINE

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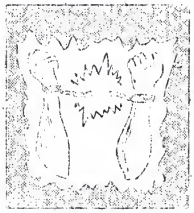

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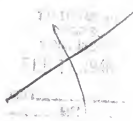

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DECLARATION OF THE LABOR ZIONIST AND PROGRESSIVE BLOC

Comments on the Platform of the Zionist Organization of America

The Zionist Organization of America has published the platform of the so-called "General Zionists" in conjunction with the current election campaign for the World Zionist Congress. The tenor of this platform prompts the Labor Zionist and Progressive Bloc to make the following comments:

1. The "General Zionists" speak of electing a delegation to the Congress that will cast aside the "excessive and unwarranted partisanship and party strife which prevail". They state that "only under the banner of General Zionists - the Zionism above parties - can this united front be achieved and maintained".

The "General Zionists" themselves do not constitute a homogeneous body. They are divided into Groups A and B, Aliyah Hadashah and other fractions. Each of these groups has its own approach to the social, economic and political problems of Zionism. Before the authors of the above-mentioned platform speak as non-partisans, they should clarify which of the General Zionist groups they sympathize with and what their stand is on the vital issues of Palestinian reality.

2. We, the Labor Zionists, also have no reason to be proud of the numerous party differentiations in the Yishuv. We can afford to get along with fewer parties. However, the strongest impulse toward maximum unity in the Yishuv is the Histadrut, the greatest force in Palestine. As regards "General Zionists", they are a negligible minority in the Yishuv, not to mention the fact that they are divided into various groups themselves. How can the victory of this minority group lead to fuller unity in the Yishuv on the basis of a platform which is "above party"?

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A CALL TO AMERICAN JEWS --

This is an hour of grave crisis for the Jewish people. Millions of our fellow-Jews in Europe have been slaughtered and the thousands who remain are broken in body and in spirit. The memory of those who were lost to us and the knowledge of the bitter lot of the living must weigh heavily upon the minds and hearts of all conscientious Jews. There has been no moment in Jewish history more fraught with danger and challenge to our future existence, and no event more significant and crucial than the forthcoming World Zionist Congress. Upon the deliberations and decisions of the Congress delegates depend the future course of the political struggle centering around Palestine, the lives of thousands of European Jews, the very existence of Jewish Palestine and all that Palestine signifies to Jews throughout the world.

The Labor Zionist and Progressive Bloc has been organized in America to mobilize the support of all liberal and progressive Jews, in all professions and walks of life, for Labor Palestine in the Congress elections. The work of the Histadrut in Palestine, on the political, economic and social fronts, is known far and wide. The Histadrut represents the scores of thousands of workers and builders of Eretz Israel, the Chalutzim, who, through their devotion and self-dedication to the Jewish people and its traditional ideals of social justice, have transformed Palestine from a dream into a living reality, and have laid the foundations for a new society, developing along lines of cooperation and democracy.

It was the Histadrut that supplied the thousands of workers who quickly and energetically transformed Palestine and strategic parts of the Middle East into an effective and smoothly-working military base. It was the Histadrut's industrial capacity that helped in great part to convert Palestine into the arsenal of democracy in the Middle East. From the Histadrut came, in the main, thousands of men who made up the heroic Jewish Brigade. And it was the representatives of the Histadrut who came to Europe and led in the work of rehabilitation and rescue of the shattered remnants of our people. The Histadrut, in its manifold and variegated activities, has laid the groundwork for the future cooperative Jewish Commonwealth of Palestine.

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L'Oraison de la Dernière Heure

A mes amis Anglais qui veulent la communion lumineuse de nos destinées.

Il nous faut revenir aux récentes tristesses : Des délégués des Assyro-Chaldéens, qui peuplent en majorité les contrées du cours du Tigre, de Mossoul à Diarbekir, le massif de Hékari jusqu'aux frontières persanes, le vilayet de Van, celui de Bittis, Ourfa, et qui ont autant souffert des Turcs que les Arméniens, voguent vers Paris, et la Conférence de la Paix leur ouvrira ses portes partiales.

Mais les Palestiniens ne sont pas entendus et les protestataires de races de la nation égyptienne ne connaîtront guère que la circonférence de Malte.

Je me suis plus particulièrement attaché à la cause palestinienne parce que, depuis les Croisades, elle est une cause française... et il semble qu'elle ait cessé de l'être pour nos gouvernants depuis que des Syriens ont été pendus ou fusillés pour nous, aux heures les plus tragiques de la guerre, alors que la justice n'apparaissait plus à l'horizon noir, strié de flammes, que comme le vieux Christ d'une église détruite, maintenu à peine droit par les ruines elles-mêmes et seul parmi l'immensité des morts.

Ce que réclament les Assyro-Chaldéens, c'est l'indépendance. Le Petit Parisien, *— qui s'est refusé à signaler jusqu'ici le programme des « Amis de la Terre Sainte » ce groupement militant de Palestiniens et de Français de toutes les confessions, — expose ainsi leurs aspirations :*

Ils ne réclament point un vaste territoire ; ils supplient qu'on les mette enfin chez eux et qu'on ne les oblige pas plus longtemps à subir le joug musulman. L'émir Fayçal ne fait point davantage leur affaire que ne la firent les sultans...

Plus triste est le sort des Palestiniens : Ils ne veulent pas être séparés de leur patrie, qui est la Syrie. Mais il y a une tenace volonté anglaise de faire de la Palestine une terre de protectorat britannique...

Alors, violentée, si la Palestine devait être arrachée à son foyer et donnée comme une esclave, elle s'insurgerait dans le harem de l'émir Fayçal, ou contre la possession sournoise et brutale du Sioniste. Civilisée doublement par la plus haute éducation musulmane et la meilleure éducation chrétienne, elle en appelle aux défenseurs du Droit, aux juges mondiaux réunis dans la salle d'apparat du ministère des Affaires Etrangères de Paris, pour que « les peuples s'appartiennent à eux-mêmes », selon le Code de l'avenir promulgé dans le présent par le Président Wilson. Mais ces juges font, en ce qui la concerne, le geste de Ponce-Pilate. Et si, tout de même, d'échos en échos, des protestations lointaines parviennent en mourant jusqu'à leur conscience : « Que dit l'Angleterre ? répètent-ils. »

...Des protestations ? Des appels ? Un des principaux fonctionnaires du quai d'Orsay, me disait avant-hier :

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT 22nd WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS
(Basle, Switzerland - December 25, 1946)

POLITICAL RESOLUTIONS

I

The 22nd World Zionist Congress, which assembled under the shadow of the catastrophe which has befallen the Jewish people, draws new hope from the tenacious drive of the survivors in Europe toward a new life in Palestine and from the growing strength and moral authority of Jewish Palestine and the world-wide allegiance of Jews to the Zionist cause.... Events in the past year in Palestine and Europe, and the unprecedented large electorate of the present Congress bears testimony to the resolute will of the Jewish people to mobilize all its energies in order to speed deliverance.

The lesson of the European disaster, the perils facing the Jewish communities in post-war Europe, in the Orient and in other countries, the progress achieved by the Jewish people in Palestine, the independence gained by the Arab countries around Palestine all point with cumulative force to the same conclusion, the imperative solution of the Jewish problem by removal of the scourge of national homelessness and the establishment of the Jewish people as a free, independent nation in their own country.

The 22nd Zionist Congress reaffirms the following political demand repeatedly voiced by the organ of the Zionist Organization: Palestine is to be established as a Jewish Commonwealth integrated in the structure of a democratic world; the gates of Palestine are to be opened to Jewish immigrants; the Jewish Agency is to be vested with control of immigration into Palestine and with the full necessary authority to build up the country.

II

The resolution on immigration submitted by the Political Committee condemned the present immigration policy as a complete reversal of the obligations of the mandatory power to facilitate Jewish immigration, and the grossly inadequate monthly quota of 1,500 permits designed to enforce the White Paper whereby the Jewish population of Palestine may not exceed one third of the total. The Congress pledges the uncompromising forces of the Zionist movement against a policy dooming the Jews of Palestine to the status of a permanent minority.

(Copies of this bulletin have been filed with the Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., where the registration of the Jewish Agency for Palestine as an agent of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Jerusalem, is available for public inspection. The fact of registration should not considered as approval by the United States Government of the contents of this bulletin).

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"THE ISSUES OF THE 22nd WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS"

By Philip Barron

The writer of this article is a noted Zionist youth leader. He is a former president of the Na tional Leaders Association of the Young Judea. He was also Youth Director of the New England Zionist Region.

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THE JEWISH STATE AND IMMEDIATE ACTION

by

David Ben Gurion

Mr. Ben Gurion is Chairman of the Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine and is the outstanding leader of the Jewish labor movement in Palestine. This article is an excerpt of a larger article which appeared recently in the Palestine press. It is of interest and importance in conjuction with the issues before the forthcoming World Zionist Congress.

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THE ZIONIST CENTRAL ARCHIVES

The Archives of Theodor Herzl

The Zionist Central Archives owe their foundation in 1919 in Berlin to the initiative of Dr. Th. Zlocisti, the well-known Zionist writer, and Dr. A. Hantke, then member of the Zionist Executive. Originally designated as the "Archives of the Zionist World Organisation", they contained at that time, as the name implies, only the official records and documents of the Zionist Organisation; but already then the idea was evisaged of collecting all the available material relative to the history of the Zionist Movement and Organisation in all its phases, thus converting the Archives into the Zionist Central Archives. This aim, to a certain extent, had already been achieved prior to the removal of the Archives to Palestine inasmuch as, apart from the official records of the Zionist Organisation, the files and documents of other central Zionist institutions and some private Zionist archives had been acquired. Furthermore, a large Zionist reference library as well as copies of the Zionist press from all parts of the world had also been added during that first period of the Archives' existence. It was, however, only after their transfer to Jerusalem in 1934 that the Archives could lay claim to the title of "Zionist Central Archives" in the true sense of the term. Henceforth from all quarters has come a steady influx of historical material dealing with the Zionist movement, and, above all, many important private collections have been placed at the disposal of the Archives.

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DECLARATION ADOPTED BY THE EXTRAORDINARY ZIONIST CONFERENCE

May 11th, 1942

1. American Zionists assembled in this Extraordinary Conference reaffirm their unequivocal devotion to the cause of democratic freedom and international justice to which the people of the United States, allied with the other United Nations, have dedicated themselves, and give expression to their faith in the ultimate victory of humanity and justice over lawlessness and brute force.

2. This Conference offers a message of hope and encouragement to their fellow Jews in the Ghettos and concentration camps of Hitler-dominated Europe and prays that their hour of liberation may not be far distant.

3. The Conference sends its warmest greetings to the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem, to the Va'ad Leumi, and to the whole Yishuv in Palestine, and expresses its profound admiration for their steadfastness and achievements in the face of peril and great difficulties. The Jewish men and women in field and factory, and the thousands of Jewish soldiers of Palestine in the Near East who have acquitted themselves with honor and distinction in Greece, Ethiopia, Syria, Libya and on other battlefields, have shown themselves worthy of their people and ready to assume the rights and responsibilities of nationhood.

4. In our generation, and in particular in the course of the past twenty years, the Jewish people have awakened and transformed their ancient homeland; from 50,000 at the end of the last war their numbers have increased to more than 500,000. They have made the waste places to bear fruit and the desert to blossom. Their pioneering achievements in agriculture and in industry, embodying new patterns of cooperative endeavor, have written a notable page in the history of colonization.

5. In the new values thus created, their Arab neighbors in Palestine have shared. The Jewish people in its own work of national redemption welcomes the economic, agricultural and national development of the Arab peoples and

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RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT JOINT POLITICAL SESSION
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Assembled in joint session for the first time since the declaration of war by our country against the Axis, we, the delegates of the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America pledge our wholehearted support to our government in the struggle in which our country is now engaged. We declare our readiness to make every sacrifice to the end that justice and freedom for all peoples on earth shall prevail.

To the Jews of enslaved Europe we send a message of hope and encouragement and pray that their deliverance may not be delayed.

To the Yishuv in Palestine we express our profound admiration for its steadfastness and courage and its achievements in the face of great perils and great obstacles.

The convention endorses the policy of friendship and cooperation with the Arabs of Palestine affirmed by successive Zionist Congresses, and will seek to find every possible avenue to establish good-will and active collaboration between the two peoples.

This joint session reaffirms its adherence to the fundamental principles laid down in the statement of policy adopted at the Extraordinary Zionist Conference held at the Biltmore Hotel in May, 1942. Any program which denies these fundamental principles, such as advanced by the Ichud or any other group, is unacceptable to the Zionist Organization of America and Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America.

We reaffirm the principles of the Biltmore resolution:

That the new world order that will follow victory, cannot be established on foundations of peace, justice and equality, unless the problem of Jewish homelessness is solved:

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONFERENCE at SAN FRANCISCO

N. Y. Herald-Tribune—April 3

Jewish 'Security' Plan Submitted to Stettinius

Conference Also Asks Hearing at San Francisco

From the Herald Tribune Bureau

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The American Jewish conference submitted today to Edward R. Stettinius jr., Secretary of State, a "security" program for the Jewish people in the post-war world and at the same time asked for a hearing at the United Nations Conference on International Organization at San Francisco.

The group declared that it spoke for the majority of American Jews in asking the United Nations to incorporate in their charter an international bill of rights; to speed the reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish commonwealth; to restore the civil and political rights of the Jews of Europe; to undertake measures for their rehabilitation and resettlement and the restoration of their property confiscated by the Nazis and their collaborators, and to

Christian Science Monitor (Boston)—Feb. 27

Jews Ask Seat

NEW YORK, Feb. 27 (AP)—The American Jewish Conference announced Feb. 26 that it would seek representation for Jewish organizations at the United Nations Conference in San Francisco on April 25 in dealing "with the problems of relief, rehabilitation, resettlement, and other aspects of postwar reconstruction."

The announcement, made by Louis Lipsky, Chairman of the Executive Committee, said the Conference would request the United Nations to recognize the Jewish claim for representation on all agencies established to deal with postwar reconstruction.

N. Y. Times—April 3

JEWISH GROUP ASKS HEARING AT PARLEY

American Conference Files Plea With Stettinius for a Post-War 'Security' Plan

WASHINGTON, April 2—With the request that the Jewish people receive a hearing at the United Nations Security Conference at San Francisco, the American Jewish Conference submitted to the Department of State today a "security" program for the Jewish people in the post-war world.

The conference declared that it spoke for the majority of American Jews in asking the United Nations to incorporate in their charter an International Bill of Rights, to speed the reconstitution of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth, to restore the civil and political rights of the Jews of Europe, to undertake measures for their rehabilitation and resettlement and the restoration of their property confiscated by the Nazis and their collaborators, and to punish those responsible for war crimes against the Jewish people.

In requesting the right to present to appropriate committees of the United Nations Conference the program for the restoration of rights and status to the remnants of the Jewish people who have survived the Nazi "gas chamber and firing squad census," the conference declared:

"Now when those who have been so long silenced by the oppressor are to be permitted to speak, it would be gross inequity if this right were to be granted to all, and withheld only from the most oppressed, reserving for them only the dubious privilege of ex parte utterance.

"It is pertinent to note, too, that every nation which has declared war against the Axis, including many who withheld that declaration until March 1, 1945, will be represented in the new international organization. We ask that right also for the first victim of Nazi aggression.

"After twenty centuries of wandering and discrimination, climaxed by the events of the last nightmare decade, the Jewish people is burdened with the effects of countless wrongs perpetrated against it. The righting of these wrongs is today the great desideratum not only of their particular victims, but of all mankind. The council of the United Nations, therefore, constitutes the proper forum for their discussion, the proper instrument for their rectification. There, the Jewish people has a right to be heard. Heard, it can confidently feel that justice will be done."

The program submitted to Mr. Stettinius was based on the decisions of the 500 delegates to the conference who represent sixty national Jewish membership organizations and every major Jewish community in the United States.

Co-chairmen of the Interim Committee of the conference are Dr. Israel Goldstein, Louis Lipsky and Henry Monsky.

Mr. Lipsky, chairman of the Executive Committee, who headed the committee which submitted the conference memorandum, said that the conference was joining forces with the Board of Deputies of British Jews and the World Jewish Congress in behalf of two score Jewish communities throughout the world. A joint committee of the three organizations is scheduled to meet in New York within a fortnight to arrange for the submission of a common program to the San Francisco Conference.

Mr. Lipsky stated that inasmuch as it was likely that mandated territories would be under discussion at San Francisco, the Jewish Agency for Palestine, an official body under the existing Palestine Mandate, should receive official status at San Francisco.

In pleading for a Jewish voice at San Francisco, the memorandum declared that in "the peaceful and orderly reconstruction of the world, all peoples must have a voice in the determination of their future" and "we ask that this right be granted to the Jewish people."

Houston (Tex.) Post—April 15

Meeting Called ... Jews at San Fra...

A mass meeting urging a hearing at the San Francisco conference on April 25 in behalf of continued Jewish immigration into Palestine will be held at 8:15 p. m. Tuesday at the Central Presbyterian church under the sponsorship of the American Jewish conference and the American Zionist emergency council.

Men and women of all faiths and creeds will attend the meeting, one of many similar meetings being held in all sections of the nation.

Dr. Bash to Speak

Dr. Floyd Bash of the Central Christian church of San Antonio will be the principal speaker. Other speakers will be Mayor Otis Massey, Rev. Donald Stewart and Dr. Alan S. Green.

The need for a strong Jewish voice at the San Francisco conference is being urged nationally.

"We must make our voice heard at this conference, and we must bring to the attention of the world the grave urgency of the Jewish case," said Hayim Greenberg, chairman of the executive committee of

Toledo (Ohio) Blade—April 3

Jews Ask Hearing At Frisco Parley

AJC Postwar Plans Given to Stettinius

WASHINGTON, April 3 (AP)—The American Jewish Conference said yesterday it had asked that the Jewish people be granted a hearing at the United Nations conference on international organization at San Francisco.

Declaring that it spoke for a majority of American Jews, the AJC submitted to Secretary of State Stettinius a postwar security program for Jewish people, calling for these things:

Inclusion in the United Nations charter of an international bill of rights; acceleration of the development of Palestine as a Jewish Commonwealth; restoration of civil and political rights of European Jews; measures for their rehabilitation and resettlement, plus restoration of their property confiscated by the Nazis, and punishment of those responsible for war crimes against Jewish people.

San Francisco Chronicle—May 3

A Zionist Memo

New Guarantees Are Asked To Solve the Palestine Issue

Three proposals, held "imperative" for preservation of Jewish rights pending settlement of the Palestine question, have been submitted in a formal memorandum to the United Nations Conference on International Organization by the Jewish Agency for Palestine.

The memorandum, signed by Dr. Chaim Weizmann, president of the Agency, holds:

1—That any plan which may be adopted for a mandates system or an international trusteeship in succession to the existing system of League of Nations' mandates, should be sufficiently flexible and broad in scope to permit within its framework of the solution of the Palestine problem in accordance with the underlying intent and purpose of the Balfour declaration and the Palestine mandate.

2—That the Jewish Agency of Palestine be consulted and given representation on any commissions or bodies which may be set up.

3—That no action should be taken at the San Francisco Conference which would be inconsistent with or prejudicial to the special rights of the Jewish people under the Balfour declaration and the Palestine mandate and all such rights be reserved and safeguarded.

The agency further asked immediate announcement of a determination by the responsible powers to reconstitute Palestine as a free and democratic Jewish Commonwealth; that all restrictions and limitations on immigration into Palestine for Jews be lifted and, further, that restrictions on rights of Jews to purchase and settle on the land there be eliminated.

It is further suggested that the Jewish Agency for Palestine be given full authority for immigration into Palestine with the necessary powers for upbuilding the country. It is also recommended that the Agency be extended financial and technical facilities on inter-governmental basis to make possible large scale Jewish immigration and settlement, and, finally, that the Agency be granted the right of consultation and representation in any international conferences or commissions.

San Francisco Chronicle—April 30

Jewry's Program Calls For World Bill of Rights

International Jewry, speaking through the American Jewish Conference and the World Jewish Congress in co-operation with the Board of Deputies of British Jews, has a 10-point post-war program to place before the Security Conference. The points are:

1—An international bill of rights.

2—Immediate restoration to Jews in Europe of all rights formerly guaranteed by national legislation and international treaties.

3—Outlawing of anti-Semitism as an instrument of national and international policy.

4—Punishment of criminals for crimes whenever and wherever committed by the Axis powers and their satellites against the Jewish people.

5—United Nations' aid in relief and rehabilitation of Jews in recognition of their distinctive needs and on a basis of complete equality.

6—Elimination of statelessness.

7—Indemnification to Jews, as individuals and communities, for losses caused by the Axis, and reparations for general damages.

8—Assistance from governmental and inter-governmental agencies in the resettlement of displaced Jews.

9—Opening of the doors of Palestine for unrestricted Jewish immigration and its reconstitution as a free and democratic Jewish commonwealth.

10—Recognition by the United Nations of the justice of the Jewish claim for representation, for the purpose of advice and co-operation, on agencies that have been and will be set up by the United Nations to deal with the problems of relief, rehabilitation, resettlement and other aspects of post-war reconstruction.